

REMARKS

Claim 5 is amended to particularly delete the indefinite term and to distinctly claim the scope of invention thereof. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter. As a result, claims 1-9 remain pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following comments is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as the invention.

Claim 5 used the indefinite term “preferably”.

In an effort to further prosecution on the merits, Applicants have deleted the term “preferably” recited by claim 5, so as to distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

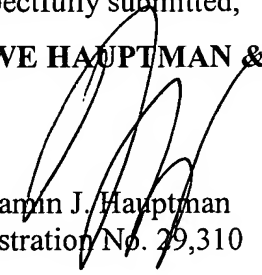
CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims define patentably over the prior art. Therefore applicants respectfully request issuance for this case at the Office Action’s earliest convenience.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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